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Federal Communications Commission
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Re: **Notice of Written Ex Parte Presentation**
WT Docket No. 96-59
GN Docket No. 90-314

Dear Mr. Caton:

On behalf of the Coalition of New York Rural Telephone Companies ("Coalition"), this notice is submitted in accordance with Section 1.1206(a)(1) of the Commission's Rules, with the original and one copy submitted to the Commission's Secretary.

On June 7, 1996, the Coalition, at the direction of Larry S. Roadman, President of Margaretville Telephone Co., Inc., provided to Rudolfo M. Baca, Legal Advisor to Commissioner James H. Quello, a copy of the attached letters concerning the above-referenced dockets. The letters were addressed to The Honorable Reed E. Hundt, Chairman of the Commission, from The Honorable Gerald B.H. Solomon (dated June 5, 1996), and The Honorable John McHugh (dated June 6, 1996). Written comments were previously filed by the Coalition in this proceeding.

Very truly yours,


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cc: Rudolfo M. Baca (by hand-delivery)

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The Honorable Reed E. Hundt
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

It is my understanding that the FCC is in the process of establishing eligibility rules for the Personal Communications Service (PCS) 10MHz spectrum auction. I am concerned that the express intent of Congress, that small businesses be afforded realistic opportunities to obtain PCS licenses, has not, and will not be realized in the PCS spectrum auction.

The reservations for "entrepreneurs" of the C (30Mhz) and F (10Mhz) block auctions was the FCC's attempt to meet the Congressional small business mandate. Analyses of the recently completed C-block auction show that small businesses did not fare well, unless they were the "control group" in new business ventures with large companies having virtually unlimited sources of bid financing.

I urge you to modify the eligibility rules for the F-block auction to ensure that small businesses be allowed to apply for and hold these licenses. Rural areas like the district I represent rely on small businesses to provide service, and will not be helped if all the spectrum is granted to small businesses that are aligned with large conglomerates.

I appreciate your consideration of this important matter

Sincerely,


GERALD B.H. SOLOMON
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June 6, 1996

The Honorable Reed E. Hundt
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Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I understand that the Commission will soon establish eligibility rules for the Personal Communications Service (PCS) 10 Mhz spectrum auction. I am concerned that small businesses may not be afforded realistic opportunities to obtain PCS licenses during this process.

I base these concerns on information provided to me by small telephone companies located in Northern New York, whose officials tell me that an analysis of the earlier C-block auction shows that small businesses did not generally fare well. It would, indeed, be unfortunate if the remaining portion of the PSC spectrum auctions (the D, E and F-block auctions) suffers the same fate.

I urge the Commission to modify the eligibility rules for the F-block auction to ensure that a substantive licensing opportunity be provided to small, rural businesses, perhaps along the lines of the terms afforded to the C-block winners. It is only through such action that Congressional intent will be preserved and timely build-out of rural PCS systems will be realized.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely yours,

John M. McHugh
Member of Congress

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